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Late May 1949

1. A large and heavily occupied airfield was observed along the eastern town border of TBILISI (44°45'E/41°42'N), Armenian SSR, 1,650 to 3,300 feet south of the TBILISI-ROSTAVI (45°3'E/41°32'N) railroad line. Individual four-engine aircraft were recognized over the field.

June to late August 1949

2. From RUSTAVI PW camp [] it was observed that group parachuting was done several times a week. The parachutists landed about 10 miles north of the camp, behind a low range of hills. The detonation of bombs was also heard from the same direction and distance several days a week, sometimes at night.

Comment :

- a. The heavily occupied airfield on the east border of **TBILISI** seems to be the factory airfield. The presence of four-engine aircraft, however, is hardly credible.
- b. Previous reports on the fields in the **TBILISI-RUSTAVI-SARTICHALA-VASIANI** area indicate that this area has been heavily occupied by Soviet Air Force troops for training purposes. The presence of four-engine aircraft has often been reported. According to a previous report, * a four-engine unit is stationed in **SARTICHALA**.
- c. From the local data it is concluded that the parachute jumps were done over the **RUSTAVI-KARADYALAR** airfield. According to previous reports on this field it is assumed that, besides a fighter and a bomber regiment, a parachute school is also stationed there. The occupation by bombers and parachutists is considered confirmed.

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